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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 08/20/2001, applicant attaches a new substitute copy of the entire specification and drawings as originally filed August 3, 2001. The undersigned registered attorney of record hereby confirms that no new matter has been introduced in the attached submission.

A copy of the Notice is attached as required.

It is respectfully noted that the Notice is difficult to understand and if the attached substitute papers do not solve the alleged problems, then a telephone to the undersigned is respectfully requested so that this matter can be immediately resolved.

In particular, the Notice alleges two things:

1. "Pages 38 are not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(a)."

2. "The drawings are unacceptable because:_____."

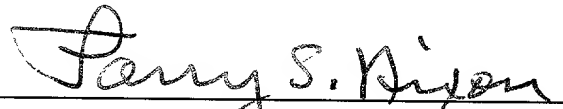
With respect to the first objection, it appears that for some reason diagonal lines may have been drawn through the body of pages 38-41 containing claims 1-20. The attached copies do not have such lines and therefore should be acceptable.

With respect to the second objection, no explanation of any specific unacceptable feature of the drawings was included in the outstanding Notice! Hopefully the attached replacement pages are in some way of improved quality and now acceptable. If not, please contact the undersigned by telephone as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - The specification cannot be scanned or properly stored. Page(s)
 - Papers must be legibly written either by a typewriter or mechanical printer in permanent ink or its equivalent in portrait orientation on flexible, strong, smooth, non-shiny, durable, and white paper. Application papers must be presented in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing thereon to permit the direct reproduction of readily legible copies in any number by use of photographic, electrostatic, photo-offset, and microfilming processes and electronic reproduction by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition. Pages 38 are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a). *The drawings filed are unacceptable because:*
Replacement page(s), together with a statement that the replacement page(s) contain no new matter, are required.

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